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SUBJECT: LABOR DEBATES THE WEST BANK

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LAST WEEK FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND HIS PREDECESSOR MK ABBA EBAN PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY TO THE LABOR PARTY COMMITTEE WHICH IS DRAFTING A NEW PLATFORM FOR THE MAY KNESSET ELECTION. EBAN IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES LEADING PARTY FIGURES BUT EXCLUDES CABINET MINISTERS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE STATEMENTS BY ALLON AND EBAN BOTH DIFFERED FROM REMARKS MADE BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN DURING HIS EARLIER APPEARANCE CONCERNING RETROCESSIONS IN THE WEST BANK. WHEREAS RABIN HAD TOLD THE COMMITTEE HE ADVOCATED CEDING TERRITORY IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA ONLY FOR "REAL PEACE," ALLON AND EBAN SUPPORTED TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT. ALLON ALSO SEEMED TO BE UNDERCUTTING HIS PRIME MINISTER WHEN HE MAINTAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NEGOTIATE, AND THE KNESSET RATIFY, A WEST BANK WITHDRAWAL

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WITHOUT RESTORTING TO ANOTHER ELECTION. ALLON, IN FACT, ARGUED THAT LABOR'S 14-POINT PLATFORM OF 1973 SHOULD BE CHANGED TO BE MORE EXPLICIT ON TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS A CLEAR ISSUE BETWEEN THE LIKUD AND LABOR. ACCORDING TO ALLON, THE MAY ELECTION COULD THEN BE REGARDED AS A REFERENDUM ON WEST BANK RETROCESSION.

3.ON THE OTHER HAND, MINISTER WITHOUT PROTFOLIO ISRAEL GALILI WAS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID ON JANUARY 21 THAT A DECISIVE MAJORITY IN THE LABOR PARTY ADVOCATES CONCESSIONS IN THE WEST BANK FOR A PEACE AGREEMENT BUT NOT AS PART OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT. HE TOOK EXCEPTION TO ALLON'S REASONING THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ASK THE U.S TO EXPLORE AND END OF BELLIGERENCY AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN (PRESUMABLY THE INITIATIVE OF LAST FEBRUARY) CONSTITUTED PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OF WITHDRAWAL FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN A FINAL SETTLEMENT. GALILI ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE PARTY'S CONVENTION TO STATE THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD BEFORE WEST BANK WITHDRAWAL IS RATIFIED. HE REPEATED THE PARTY'S OPPOSITION (AS DID ALLON AND EBAN) TO A THIRD STATE OR RECOGNIZING THE PLO EVEN IF IT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL AND RENOUNCES TERROR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: CONFUSION SURROUNDS THE DEBATE WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY ON THE WEST BANK QUESTION. A CERTAIN AMBIVALENCE HAS EMERGED THAT IS UNRELATED TO THE RABIN-PERES CONTEST. BY SEEMING TO STAKE OUT A POSITION MORE DOVISH THAN RABIN'S AND BY ADVOCATING A POSITION CLOSE TO MAPAM'S, ALLON HAS SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED HIS PRIME MINISTER IN RABIN'S RELATIONS WITH LABOR'S COALITION PARTNER.
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